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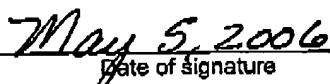
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, and in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 30, 2006 (a response to which is due April 30, 2006), and the Examiner's Interview Summaries mailed March 30, 2006 and April 13, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment, reconsideration on the merits of the Application, and allowance of the claims. This Response is being timely filed on Monday May 1, 2006, as April 30, 2006 fell on a Sunday.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.